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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DISCRIMINATING TONER BOTTLE TYPES,
STIRRING TONER, AND DETECTING THE AMOUNT OF REMAINING TONER

PRELIMINARY REMARKS

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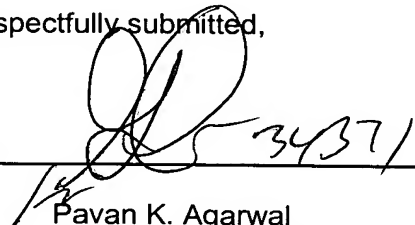
Sir:

Claims 1-13 are the original claims and were granted on September 11, 2001 in U.S. Patent No. 6,289,182, which matured from application Serial No. 09/506,370 filed on February 18, 2000. Claims 14-54 have been added and support for these additional claims can be found in the present specification.

Claims 1-54 are pending in the application. An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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